

**Town of Felton
Town Council Meeting
July 14, 2014
6:30 pm**

Mayor Kelley called the Town Council Meeting of Felton to order at 6:30 pm on Monday July 14, 2014. Present at the meeting were:

Council Members: Mayor Dave Kelley; Vice-Mayor Joe Yapsuga; Michael Routh; Joanne Clendaniel and Anthony Carroll.

Staff: Town Manager; Rebecca Greene, Officer; Phil Thomas and Town Clerk; Amy Lupinetti.

Public: Residents; Cindy Rule and Henry Twardus.

Citizen's Concerns:

Cindy Rule thanked the Town for handling the cat issue she had with her neighbor. She stated that she is still having issues with other neighbors letting their cats roam the streets and use the bathroom on her property. Mrs. Rule explained that her daughter has really bad asthma and the cat smell is so bad she cannot open her windows.

Mrs. Rule also had a concern with vehicles speeding up and down Woodsedge Lane. She asked if the Town could get more officers to patrol her street. Mayor Kelley asked Officer Thomas if he could take care of that issue and Officer Thomas replied yes and he stated that the Officers have been sitting in that area of the Town. Mrs. Rule stated there have also been a lot of kids roaming the streets after curfew. Officer Thomas explained to Mrs. Rule when she sees kids wandering late nights she should call 911. Councilman Routh asked if she could call an administrative line instead of 911 and Officer Thomas replied that she can call the police line and the voice mail message will provide a non emergency phone number.

Mrs. Rule stated that she has noticed a lot of skateboarding on the streets and kids riding bikes without helmets. She asked if it was possible to form a neighborhood watch for the Town. Officer Thomas stated that she could get a group of people together and sit down and talk to the Chief. Mrs. Rule asked what the Officers can do in the mean time and Officer Thomas replied that he does patrol that area of Town at night. He stated that the kids will run through the yards to hide from him and when he gets to the next street they will be gone. Officer Thomas stated that it is hard to catch the kids when there is only one Officer on duty. Mayor Kelley stated that he would talk to Levi about the issue with the kids roaming the streets late at night after the curfew time. Councilman Carroll asked if they can be fined for breaking the curfew and Officer Thomas said that normally they will just release the kids to their parents.

Mayor Kelley explained to Mrs. Rule that he does not want it to seem like Officer Thomas is being short with her but normally the Chief is present at the meetings. Mrs. Rule stated that she is not on good terms with Officer Thomas and that is another issue that she wanted to discuss with Council.

Mrs. Rule stated that she received a parking ticket from Officer Thomas for her car being parked the wrong way on the street. She stated that she has never been in trouble before and it was

only parked illegally for one night. Officer Thomas explained to her the procedure and she would need to take it to court and any questions that she had could be discussed at court. Mrs. Rule stated that she does not have the time nor does she want to go to court. Mayor Kelley asked Mrs. Rule if she could leave her phone number and he would discuss this issue with the Chief.

Mrs. Rule stated that she needed to trim a tree that belonged to her neighbor but was hanging over her property. She explained that she came to Town Hall and Amy told her that she would recommend getting something in writing from the neighbor. Rebecca also recommended that she get something in writing from the neighbor stating that it is ok for her to remove the branches from the tree that are hanging over her property.

Mayor Kelley stated that we will reiterate the cat issue in the next newsletter. The Officers will handle the young kids roaming around the neighborhood and he encouraged Mrs. Rule to call the Chief to discuss the parking ticket.

Police Report:

Officer	Reg	SEU	Total
9451	110	90	200
9452	142	126	268
9453	75	28	103
9454	80	0	80
9455	0	0	0

Officer Thomas presented the June 2014 Police Report.

Councilman Routh stated that he did notice the three parking tickets written last month. Rebecca explained to Council for a couple weeks every Monday when she came into work she would receive an email from a resident on Woodsedge Lane. One comment was made about the police never being seen in that area of Town. Rebecca stated that she asked the Police if they could show their presence in that area of the Town more often.

Officer Thomas stated that he cannot discuss that ticket issue with Mrs. Rule because anything that he says could be used in court. The three parking tickets were given out in the same day and they are recorded. Councilwoman Clendaniel stated that it is about time that the Police start hitting residents in their pocket and enforce the laws.

Motion: Vice-Mayor Yapsuga made a motion to approve the June 2014 Police Report. Councilman Carroll seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Budget Report:

Rebecca stated that we have \$180,000 over what we budgeted. Councilman Routh asked what the adjusted balances were stated on the bottom of the first page. Rebecca explained that

somewhere during the year something was supposed to be charged to the grant but it wasn't charged to that line.

Rebecca stated that she sent a \$3,600 check to the Fire Department for the Community Impact fee.

Rebecca stated this is the first year that the Police came in 1% over their budget. Vice-Mayor Yapsuga asked if the police spent that much on one shotgun and Rebecca stated that it was for five shotguns. Councilman Routh asked why the Police uniforms and telephone expenses were over. Rebecca stated that last year she did not receive the FY13 invoices for uniforms until FY14 and telephone expenses could have been from the air cards.

Rebecca stated that in September she and Amy will begin the process for the water rate increase. Once there is a decision made we will hold about three to four public meetings and call them workshops for discussions with the citizens.

Motion: Councilwoman Clendaniel made a motion to approve the June 2014 Budget Report. Councilman Carroll seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Minutes:

Town Council Meeting Minutes:

Mayor Kelley presented the June 9, 2014 Town Council Meeting Minutes asking if there were any questions. There were no questions.

Motion: Councilman Routh made a motion to accept the June 9, 2014 Town Council Meeting Minutes. Councilwoman Clendaniel seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Planning & Zoning Meeting Minutes:

Rebecca stated that Amy Behringer from Honeybrook Lane is in the process of getting her state license and military license for a home daycare. The conditional use was approved by Planning & Zoning and if approved by Council then we can go forward with a Public Hearing.

Rebecca explained that the Comprehensive Plan was reviewed and one change was made to the Council Members names. The sheet was corrected and replaced in the Comprehensive Plan.

Motion: Vice-Mayor Yapsuga made a motion to accept the July 8, 2014 Planning & Zoning Meeting Minutes. Councilman Carroll seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Approval of Comprehensive Plan:

Rebecca stated that Planning & Zoning approved the Plan and it has also been through the PLUS procedure.

Motion: Vice-Mayor Yapsuga made a motion to accept the Comprehensive Plan Councilman Carroll seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.
Roll call was taken: Mayor Kelley - yes; Councilman Routh – yes; Vice Mayor Yapsuga – yes; Councilwoman Clendaniel – yes and Councilman Carroll – yes.

First Reading of Article 6 Title 2 an Ordinance Establishing a Planning & Zoning Committee Review Fee and Setting Standards Governing the Reimbursement and Forfeiture of the Fee:

Rebecca stated that the fee right now is \$200 but it is not stated in the Ordinance in case the Planning & Zoning pay scale increases.

Workplace Safety Inspection:

Rebecca stated that Workplace Safety came in and inspected the Public Works Department. The Inspector stated our Public Works building was one of the most organized and cleanliest he has inspected and the employees are doing a great job.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

These minutes were prepared by Amy Lupinetti, Town Clerk.

Amy Lupinetti

Date